

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Susan Carson Lambert
Job Title: Intergovernmental Advisor USGS, National Map
Affiliation: Detail to the U.S. Geological Survey, Geography Division
From the Kentucky Governor's Office for Technology



Current Assignment

Lambert is currently serving on a detail to the Geography Division of the USGS with the program managers of the National Map Initiative. The stated purpose of engaging her in an advisory capacity is to: educate and engage national level local government organizations regarding the importance of seamless geographic information as articulated in the National Map vision for the purpose of efficiently obtaining and integrating locally created geographic information into the National Map through partnerships between the federal, state, regional, and local governments, or some combination thereof. Lambert will explore what incentives the state and local folks would accept in order to engage in a partnership, what exists, what is missing, and conduct some projects that enable the integration of the data.

She resides on Honeystreet Farm in rural Anderson County Kentucky with her husband Hugh Archer.

Past Experience

Ms. Lambert served as the Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of Geographic Information in from 1996 until February of 2002. The mission of OGI was to *Facilitate electronic statewide geographic data sharing and it's use for better decision making, greater efficiency and economic vitality.* OGI also prepared legislation for the general assembly regarding GIS issues as well as standards research & development, policy development, GIS education and training. The office also provided staff support for the Kentucky Geographic Information Advisory Council which addressed issues, standards, and policies regarding geographic information resources in the Commonwealth. The office was established by the Kentucky General Assembly in 1994. She was also the 2001-2002 President of the National States Geographic Information Council (a national organization of GIS coordinating bodies)

Ms. Lambert began her career in mapping as a land surveyor, then draftsman and cartographer. She served in the Federal Sector via the United States Geological Survey's Water Resources Division where she functioned as a geographer and cartographer for 12 years. During her tenure with USGS she served on the Framework Working Group of the Federal Geographic Data Committee. The working group defined what basic digital geospatial themes are necessary to provide a minimum set of data layers for the maximum number of GIS users and applications.

She recently served on a national 25 person team headed by Visa International Founder and CEO Emeritus Dee W. Hock. The Drafting Team named the impending organization the "GeoData Alliance". The team brought into being a 'chaordic' organization that is a "bottoms-up" initiative aimed at meeting the quickly changing demands for digital geographic information.

Ms. Lambert received the prestigious U.S. Geological Survey's 2000 John Wesley Powell award. The Powell award is much coveted by domestic civil mapping professionals. It was awarded to her for personal and professional efforts in the United States surveying and mapping community and for her advocating of the collaboration, sharing, and use of geographic information to address environmental and hazard related problems, while supporting governmental decision-making processes. She was also recognized for her national efforts as a leader and proponent of partnerships and data standards issues. The award was also for her promotion of the geographic information technologies to help solve societal problems and for her authorship of several professional papers and articles that promote the relevance of data sharing programs and partnerships with the USGS.

Educational Information

Geography B.A. (double major) with a minor in Southern Studies from the University of South Carolina

Professional Memberships

Bluegrass Technical GIS User Group
Southern Kentucky Technical GIS User Group
KY Federal Technical GIS User Group (co-founder)
National States Geographic Information Advisory Council (98-01 board) 01-02 President)
South Eastern Division, American Association of Geographers
Kentucky Women's Leadership Network
Kentucky Association of Professional Surveyors
Kentucky County Surveyor's Association